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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

DAY ET AL.

Examiner

Celia Chang

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 22 and 23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 22 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This application is a divisional of SN 10/379,976.

Claims 1-21 have been canceled. Claims 22-23 are pending.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by:

Cantello et al. CA110:135231,

RN 119670-22-3, when Y=CH₂, R5 is thiazolinyl, R6, R7 are oxo, R8=H;

Tsukamoto et al. CA 114:185549

RN 133155-44-9, 117826-24-1, 133155-50-7, 133155-51-8, 133155-52-9, 133155-53-0, 133155-54-1, Y is bond, R5 is pyridazinyl, R6 is oxo, R7 is H, R8 is alkyl or halogen;

Shutto et al. CA124:146167,

RN 172528-82-0, Y is CH₂, R5 is pyrazolyl, R6, R7, R8 are H;

Brenner et al. CA 128:294783,

RN206260-57-3, Y is bond, R5 is oxadiazolyl, R6 is aryl, R7, R8 are H.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by US

6,689,800.

See col. 17, compound I-4.

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Claim 22 directed to the same invention as that of compound I-4 of commonly assigned US 6,689,800. The issue of priority under 35 U.S.C. 102(g) and possibly 35 U.S.C. 102(f) of this single invention must be resolved.

Since the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office normally will not institute an interference between applications or a patent and an application of common ownership (see MPEP Chapter 2300), the assignee is required to state which entity is the prior inventor of the conflicting subject matter. A terminal disclaimer has no effect in this situation since the basis for refusing more than one patent is priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 102(f) or (g) and not an extension of monopoly.

Failure to comply with this requirement will result in a holding of abandonment of this application.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,689,800.

The anticipatory species of US 6,689,800 has been clearly pointed out supra. The one methyl addition compounds claimed by claim 23 would be obvious variation of the '800 compound. In re Wood 199 USPQ 137.

Since '800 did not claim the anticipatory compound, to obviate an obviousness rejection applicants must provide verification evidence i.e. 132 affidavit, that the subject matter was obligated to common assignment; the subject matter of '800 was derived from the instant application; and the instant and '800 are commonly owned at the time invention was made, i.e. a 103(c) condition.

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5. Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for R6, R7 are dimethyl, H/methyl or H/phenyl, does not reasonably provide enablement for the claimed scope. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

The specification lacks description and enablement for the claimed scope of R6, R7 except when R6, R7 are dimethyl, H/methyl or H/phenyl. No example was found nor was any starting material for such moieties other than R6, R7 are dimethyl, H/methyl or H/phenyl were disclosed. Further more, the claimed intermediates are useful for making the final products which are β 3-adrenergic receptor agonistic compounds. The claimed scope of R6, R7 except when R6, R7 are dimethyl, H/methyl or H/phenyl, final products, such as one is alkyl, the other is substituted heterocycle have been evidenced to have inhibitory activity of cyclooxygenase (see CA 141:174163, RN 735266-38-3 CA 141:54327, RN 705935-39-3) i.e. improper Markush grouping.

Absent of any description and enablement of how to make such compounds when R6, R7 except when R6, R7 are dimethyl, H/methyl or H/phenyl, and absent of any evidence that such compounds share the common utility, the scope of enablement as claimed lacks support from the specification.

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(g)(1) during the course of an interference conducted under section 135 or section 291, another inventor involved therein establishes, to the extent permitted in section 104, that before such person's invention thereof the invention was made by such other inventor and not abandoned, suppressed, or concealed, or (2) before such person's invention thereof, the invention was made in this country by another inventor who had not abandoned, suppressed, or concealed it. In determining priority of invention under this subsection, there shall be considered not only the respective dates of conception and reduction to practice of the invention, but also the reasonable diligence of one who was first to conceive and last to reduce to practice, from a time prior to conception by the other.

Claim 22 is provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(g) as being anticipated by US 2004/0116475 or US 2004/0157891.

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See US 2004/0116475 claim 1 guided by compounds on page 45 ex.166-167, p.59, ex. 234-235 etc. (not exhausted listing) or see US 2004/0157891 claim 1 guided by compounds on page 23 ex. 61 etc. (not exhausted listing).

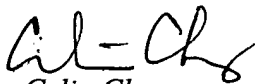
Please note that while applicants claims lacks descriptive and enabling support of the compounds described by '475 or '891, the explicit examples of the two pending claims anticipated the instant claim.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Celia Chang whose telephone number is 571-272-0679. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas McKenzie, Ph. D., can be reached on 571-272-0670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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